

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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ROLL CALL

APPROVE PROJECT FOR DESIGN CENTER FACILITY, URBANA

Action: Approve Project for Design Center Facility

Funding: Institutional Funds Operating Budget and Gift Funds

The proposed new Design Center will be a facility used by students from every discipline and background. It will serve both as a physical and intellectual hub, layering across the undergraduate experience a range of informal and formal opportunities and offerings to engage students in multi- and trans-disciplinary collaborations. This project will meet Illinois' vision for multi-disciplinary design-and-doing, while fostering a culture of student-led problem solving. The building will be an incubator of talent where students master skills by tackling real and pressing problems that lend themselves to design-based solutions. The highly visible center will connect a breadth of perspectives, spaces, and resources.

The proposed \$48.0 million construction project will provide approximately 60,000 new gross square feet of flexible collaborative learning and idea generating, meeting, prototyping, digital imaging, and flexible display/gallery spaces. This new facility is to be located on the west terminus of the Military Axis on Fourth Street in Champaign.

Accordingly, the Acting Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Acting Vice President, University of Illinois with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers recommends that the Design Center Facility be approved with a budget of \$48.0 million.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from institutional funds operating budget of the Urbana-Champaign campus and gift funds.

The President of the University concurs.